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Convicted Of Fraud

Leeds, Yorkshire, July 16. Dr Narayan Das Chopra, aged 61, a former Chairman of Darwins, a Sheffield steel firm, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment here today for fraud.

Mr Justice Streathfield told him: "Only your good character saves you from more serious punishment."

The Jury found him guilty on five counts, each of which alleged that with intent to defraud he caused a £4,000 cheque to be delivered to a bank by falsely pretending that he was the owner of certain patients and secret processes.

On each of the other four counts he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, all the sentences to run concurrently.

These alleged that he fraudulently applied to his own use a radiogram, radio set and water colours, all the property of Darwins. Chopra was found not guilty on eight other counts.

NINE-DAY TRIAL
Passing sentence at the end of the nine-day trial, the Judge said that Chopra had hitherto been a man of excellent character and record who, in other respects, had no doubt deserved well of this country.

He added: "I cannot, however, blind myself to the fact that you were chairman as well as a director of this company, that you enjoyed the company's confidence and that not only did you abuse that confidence but you betrayed by means of a long and ingenious fraud the interests of the company."

Dr Chopra was appointed chairman of Darwins in 1947, after the purchase of £248,000 worth of the company's ordinary shares by Ranon Steel Limited, an Indian steel group of which he is director and part owner.

He was engaged in secret work for the United States and later for Britain during the last war.—Reuter.

ALLOWANCE FOR PRINCESS

London, July 16. The House of Commons today approved the principle of a special Bill to ensure that Princess Margaret receives an allowance of £2,000 a year when she comes of age on August 21.

The money should have gone to her automatically but by an oversight her name was omitted from a Bill passed in 1937 providing for the Royal Family's expenses.

After the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, explained the purpose of the Bill, Mr Winston Churchill, the leader of the Conservative Party, said that it was refreshing to find an issue on which the great majority of the House of Commons was wholeheartedly agreed.—Reuter.

Thumbs Down To Proposal

London, July 16. Britain has told the United States that she is opposed to any "closer association" between Spain and any member of the North Atlantic Pact as well as to the admission of Spain to the Atlantic Pact itself. It was understood from a usually well-informed source here today.

Questioned today about Britain's attitude to the possibility that the United States might conclude an alliance with Spain in default of securing Spain's admission to the North Atlantic Pact, the Foreign Office spokesman was reserved.

He said that the British view had from time to time been expressed in Washington but refused to say specifically whether it had been restated within the past few days.

Questioned about the reasons for the British unwillingness not only to admit Spain to NATO but also to encourage close bilateral links between Spain and any of the members, the Foreign Office spokesman again refused comment.

A possible explanation of the British attitude was thought here to be the fact that the conclusion of a Spanish-American alliance might deflect supplies from the already strained defence production programme of the Atlantic Pact Organisation.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Seeing Is Believing

HOW strange, and sad, and revealing, that in sending a peace message to the Kremlin last week, President Truman had to add, in effect: "Please tell the Russians." It is in the implied need for making such a request that lies the difference between atmosphere of the free world and life behind the Iron Curtain. To free peoples it is inconceivable that the head of one State should have to ask the head of another to release an assurance of friendship! Even were it regarded as a mere formality, in the democracies it would be given out as a matter of course and as automatically published without the interposition of any man's "Yes" or "No." It is one of the simple things which is meant by Freedom. Such reflections appear apt for today, when out of the blue there comes a new Soviet publication, printed in the English language in Moscow, and apparently dedicated to infusing a new and happier spirit into Soviet-American relations. When it runs parallel with a cheerful assertion by Malik on his arrival at Stockholm: "Americans and Russians can become friends," it is hardly surprising that we begin to

Denying The Realities

IF, by incidents such as the boarding and looting of the British ship Empire Roach, Egypt imagines she can browbeat Britain into submitting to her demands for the withdrawal of the garrison from the Canal zone and the surrender of sovereignty over the Sudan, she is fooling herself. Nothing is to be gained by displays of arrogance. The Anglo-Egyptian issues are technically covered by the 1936 agreement, but Egypt is more and more indicating that she holds that agreement in disregard. Egyptian aspirations are to sling away every vestige of British influence within what Egyptians consider to be their territory. But in this they ignore certain realities, not the least important being that Egypt is quite incapable of protecting herself, and that Communist menace exists in the Middle East. Egypt appears to

wonder about its significance. Is the end of the world coming? Is the Kremlin becoming respectable and prepared to let bygones be bygones—or, what now have the Politburo got up their sleeve? The one certain thing is that should there be any sincerity behind this new facade, the Kremlin has got off to an excellent start. American efficiency, creative energy and democratic spirit is praised—in Moscow! A famed Russian historian can conceive no rational excuse for the highly strained relations that have arisen between the two great Anglo-Saxon Powers and the Soviet Union. Even allowing some degree of tongue in cheek, it seems to be too good to be true. The strain on the West is in getting in the mood for credence. If there is no rational excuse for friction, the cause for its development has had nothing to do with ill-will in the West. Any conciliatory gesture by the Kremlin stamping a change of heart will be warmly welcomed. But the Stalines must not be too deeply pained should the West, not accustomed to such magnanimity, still look for action to back up the words.

Ex-Premier Of Lebanon Assassinated

Damascus, July 16. Riad Bey el Solh, former Premier of the Lebanon, was assassinated today at Amman, capital of Jordan, as he was about to leave the airport for Beirut.

The killer was reported to be a member of the Syrian Nationalist Party.

The Party's founder, Autoum Saadeh, was executed by Riad Bey's Government in 1949.

The ex-Premier's body was being flown to Beirut from Amman tonight.

An attempt was made on the Syrian Populist revolt in Solh's life in March last year in Beirut when he was still Premier, but he escaped unharmed after three bullets were fired at him. The bullets killed three children and wounded a man.

His assailant was identified as a young Syrian Populist, Youseff Hamdan, who was shot in the leg by the Police. He told them later that he had tried to kill the Premier in revenge of a public mourning and State funeral for the assassinated former Premier of the Soviet Union.

A late cable from Amman said that the ex-Premier's body could not be flown from Amman tonight as planned but would reach Beirut tomorrow.

King Abdullah of Jordan telephoned the Lebanese President, Bachar el Khoury, expressing his deep sorrow over the death of El Solh.—Reuter.

OFF AGAIN TO KAESONG

Advance Headquarters, Korea, July 17. The first motor convoy left here at 8.30 a.m. for Kaesong today where the fifth session of the cease-fire talks is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

Signal and other service personnel were in the first convoy.

The second convoy containing cease-fire members of the delegation staff was scheduled to leave at 9.30 a.m.

The first helicopter carrying the cease-fire negotiators and other officials was scheduled to leave at 9.40 a.m. The second and final helicopter, carrying the delegation and the remainder of the staff was to leave at 10.30 a.m.—United Press.

Floods Cause Havoc In Europe

London, July 16.

Widespread floods followed thunderstorms and torrential rains in France, Italy and Switzerland today, causing deaths and extensive damage.

Swollen mountain streams in the Alpine border region of South-West France broke their banks, cut railway lines and roads and damaged crops.

More tanks of oil exploded, setting fire to more buildings.

Fire has already destroyed 17 buildings and damaged four others. At least 12 men have been hurt lighting the flames.

HOPE RETURNS

Hope came back to thousands of people who were driven from their homes in Kansas City itself but scores of other cities and towns were threatened with a similar fate as the flood crest moved downstream towards the St. Louis area.

Business hours were curtailed sharply in Kansas City today and all private cars were barred from a 900-block area, including the downtown business district.

The flooding of the pumping station reduced the main water supply by two-thirds.

Generally fair weather is predicted for the next few days and the entire flood area should soon begin to recover.

The Red Cross has mobilised all forces to care for an estimated 75,000 refugees.

The Services are supplying planes and equipment.

Water was still 15 feet deep in most of the flooded areas of the four submerged industrial districts of Kansas City. Officials predicted that it would be Wednesday at the earliest before the water would recede enough to allow clean-up work to begin.—Reuter.

DR MOSSADEGH IS "HOPEFUL"

Teheran, July 16.

Iranian Premier Mossadeq expressed himself as "optimistic and hopeful" after an hour and three quarters meeting tonight with W. Averell Harriman, President Truman's special adviser. The meeting took place at the palace 12 miles outside Teheran where Harriman is staying.—United Press.

GOVT DEFEATED

London, July 16.

The Labour Government was defeated by three votes in the House of Commons tonight on a vote of a Bill dealing with inflation.

No major issue of policy was involved, there was no question of the Government's signature.

The voting was 322 for the Government and 299 for the Opposition.

Ready To Be Sacked



Teheran Reds Stage New Riot Despite Martial Law

Teheran, July 16.

Several thousand Communists, including several hundred women, flouting the martial law, stoned and abused a 20-man police military detachment guarding Sina Hospital in central Teheran today. The bodies of 14 civilians killed in Sunday's riot were being kept in the hospital awaiting burial.

Demanding "our brothers and sisters" for burial, the Communists assembled in the hospital's vicinity tried to break through the detachment lines in front of the hospital, throwing sticks and stones.

Several truckloads of troops carrying tommy guns rushed from the nearby military headquarters, broke through the crowd and set up defensive positions in front of the hospital.

The crowd broke with the arrival of troops, but attempted to come back from the opposite direction, using women demonstrators as a shield.

The troops loaded their weapons and the crowd started to flee, eventually being dispersed by other truckloads of troops which moved in behind the crowd.

Although a United Press correspondent actually saw the incident, the police chief discounted the affair, denying that large crowds could assemble during the martial law.—United Press.

CONFICTING REPORTS

Teheran, July 16.

The Police said today that four people were killed—three of them Communists and the other a Policeman shot by the demonstrators—in last night's rioting.

But an independent check of Teheran hospitals tonight gave 15 people dead—three or four of them Police—and about 150 people injured. Of these 97 were still in hospital tonight six of them seriously hurt.

Convicts

Shoot Guards

Canon City, Colorado, July 16.

Five convicts shot and wounded two guards today in an unsuccessful attempt to liberate 11 fellow inmates from solitary confinement in Colorado State Prison.

The five, including three serving long terms for kidnapping and a life-term convicted of murder, barricaded themselves within the prison's cell house after the liberation effort was foiled. They surrendered more than an hour after the disturbance started.

The prison warden, Roy Best, who surrounded the cell house with guards armed with tommy guns and sub-machine guns, walked unarmed up to the cells and ordered all inside to come out. A few seconds later, an arm appeared at the window and a .38 calibre pistol belonging to one of the two wounded guards was tossed out. Then the five convicts came out with their hands up.—United Press.

A communiqué issued after a two-day Cabinet meeting said that the 15 Christian Democrat and Republican Ministers decided to "place their portfolios within the prison's cell house after the liberation effort was foiled. They surrendered more than an hour after the disturbance started.

The communiqué added that Signor de Gasperi decided to present the resignation of the whole Government.

Immediately after the Cabinet meeting, Signor de Gasperi drove to the summer residence outside Rome of the President of the Republic to hand in his Government's resignation.—Reuter.



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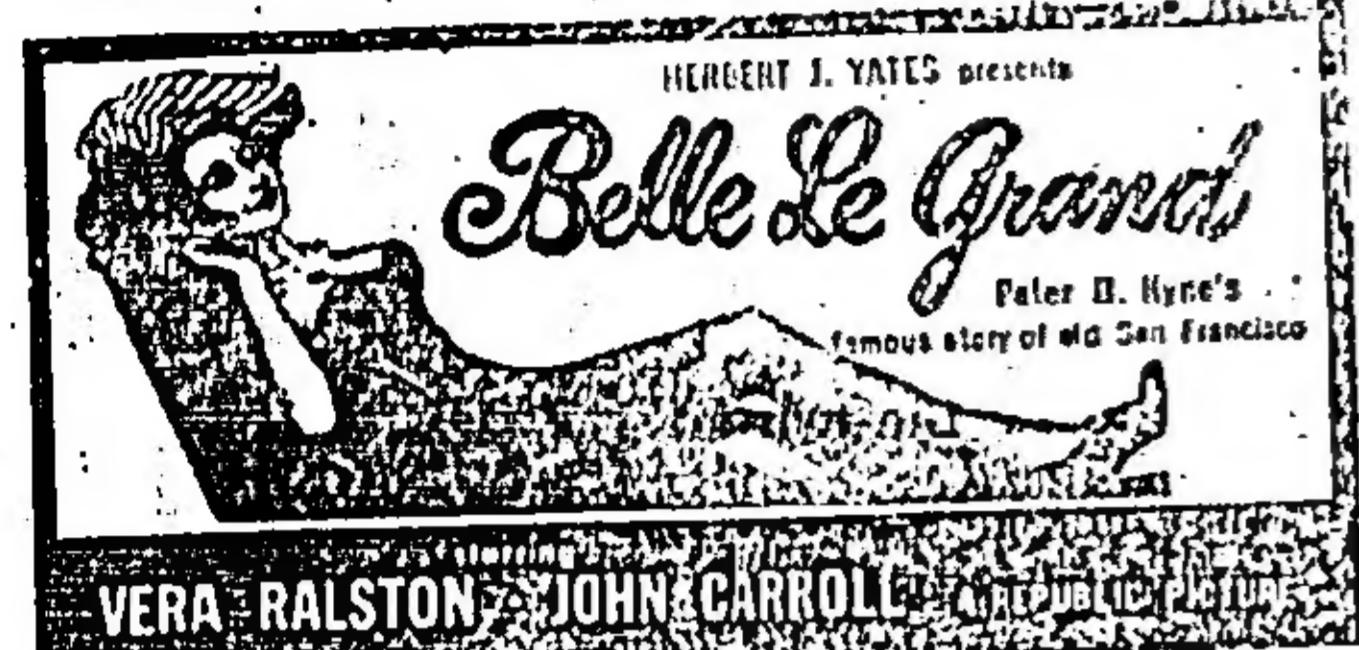
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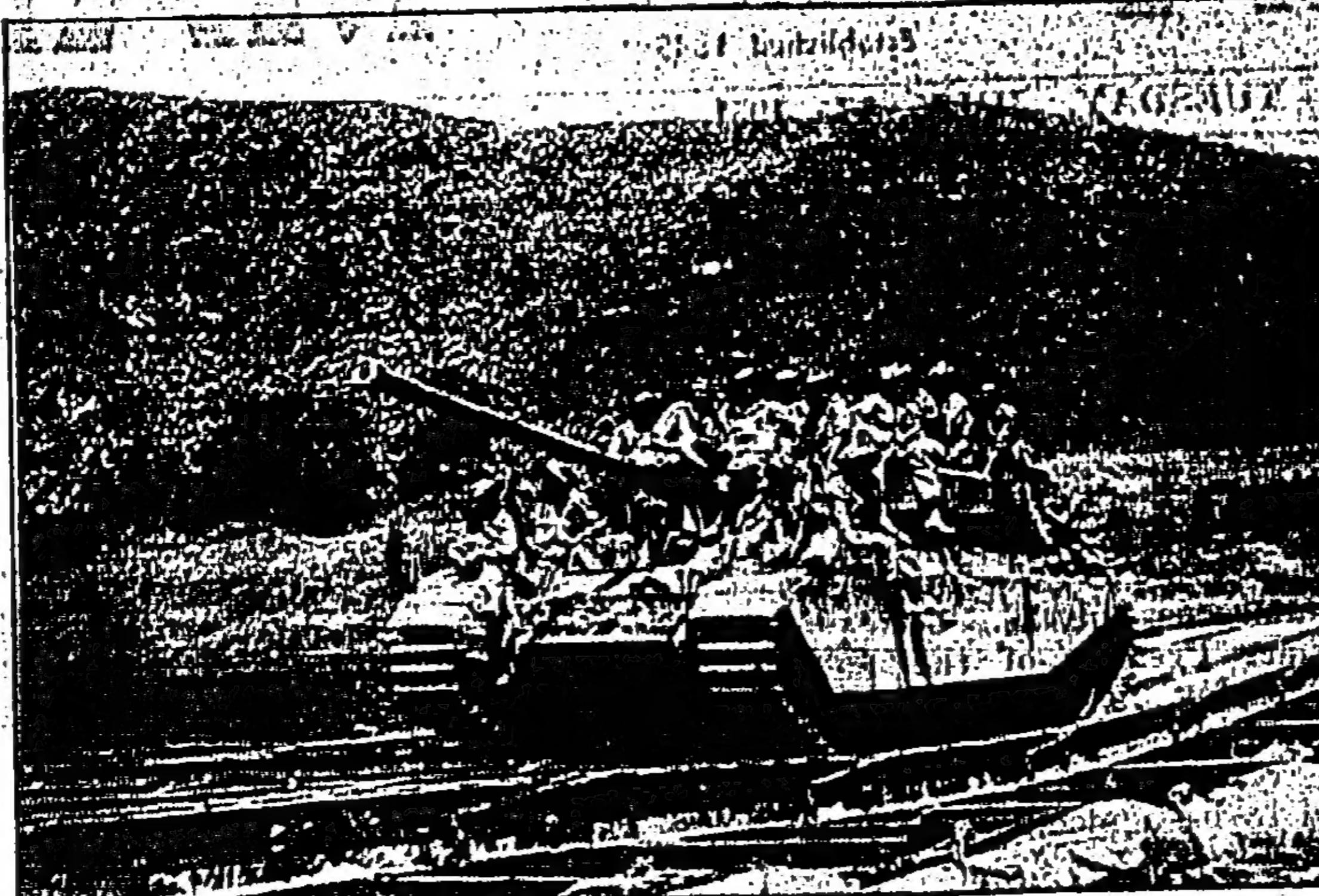
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Commonwealth Patrol In Imjin River Area



British Commonwealth troops in Korea have been welded into the 1st British Commonwealth Division and are now working together. Picture shows men of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, riding across the Imjin River on a British Centurion tank.

Yugoslavia To Eliminate Police State Practices

Belgrade, July 16. Marshal Tito's Government is about to undertake a reform of the Yugoslav Law Courts to rid them of police State practices and put them on the road to "socialist democracy, humanism and legality."

The reforms were called for by General Alexander Rankovich, the Minister of the Interior, in a report which he submitted to the fourth plenary session of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party in Belgrade.

The report caused something of a stir, here for it was the frankest criticism ever made in public against this country's present-day judiciary and secret political police.

Many non-Communists read the report in the newspapers with surprise and relief, recalling that even a few months ago few of them would have dared, though many felt like it, to make such strong criticism in public.

General Rankovich maintained that the "People's Courts" set up after the Communist seizure of power in 1945 had been based on "correct democratic principles" and that "on balance" their work had been "basically positive."

But, he said, there are a number of serious shortcomings in the daily functioning of the Courts and of the UDB, the secret political police, which must be remedied.

CRITERION LACKING

Among these shortcomings General Rankovich included:

1.—A tendency to treat every crime as if it were a political

one; to condemn as sabotage every economic misdeed and as counter-revolutionary every act of disobedience against the State.

"One court proclaimed a simile insult against the president of the local People's Council (the local authorities) and to his wife as an act against the State and meted out a sentence of three years' imprisonment," he said.

2.—Courts, for lack of a firm criterion in the application of the law, fail always to pass the same sentence for the same crime.

Also, some Courts prefer "socialistic explanations" and "empty leftist phrases" to professional and documentary explanations when passing sentence.

"One regional court," General Rankovich said, "explained the mildness of a sentence it had passed by declaring that it took into account the cultural backwardness of the accused as the result of an uneven social development."

CONFessions

3.—Too much importance is being attached to confessions made during police interrogations and too little to establishing the material truth in Court. Confessions are not viewed critically enough, nor is enough scope given to the Counsel for the defence.

For instance, "one Court gave so much credence to a confession made under interrogation that it considered the defendant's repudiation of it during his trial as a criminal act."

4.—Trials are often too "mechanical." It happens that the Court refuses the demand of the defendant to establish an "alibi" or passes over it, General Rankovich declared.

5.—Though the "People's Courts" were "incurruptible on the whole," too many are still under the influence of the local Public Prosecutor, State official or Communist Party organ.

This weakens their role and lends them to give "contradictory or personally interpreted verdicts," General Rankovich added.

Thus "one Court accepted an indictment, although it knew that the sentence was wrong and illegal, in order to satisfy the Public Prosecutor."

NEW MEASURES

Summing up, General Rankovich added: "These illegalities, weaknesses and mistakes in the work of our Courts are not general or permanent, however. Their work is improving daily."

But, he said, new measures must be taken "decisively to eliminate these weaknesses be-

UN DRAWING UP PLANS FOR POST-TRUCE PERIOD IN KOREA

Retention Of Embargo On Trading Expected SOLUTION UP TO THE ASSEMBLY

United Nations, New York, July 16. Nasrullah Entezam, Iranian delegate and President of the United Nations Assembly, was reported today as favouring adjournment of the Assembly after a truce has been agreed upon in Korea. This would leave the major political issues up to the Sixth UN Assembly, opening in Paris on November 6.

Entezam visited UN headquarters for a short time today, conferring with Andrew W. Cordel, Executive Assistant to Secretary-General Trygve Lie, and other officials. He also talked with Sir Benegal N. Rau, India, a leader of the Arab-Asian group which has in the past sought a compromise agreement to end the Korean conflict.

The Assembly President was said to feel that the group over which he presides should do nothing more than note the report of a cease-fire when and if it is received from Korea.

It could set up any sort of supervisory organisation required by the truce terms but Entezam feels it should go no further. He was said

to feel that the new Assembly should tackle the big problems of a Korean settlement.

As Entezam conferred, the UN disclosed that 33 members of the UN, plus Italy, the Bonn Government and France, Spain have promised to co-operate with a UN embargo against Communist China and North Korea.

The Governments of Laos and Vietnam in Southeast Asia also pledged co-operation.

This was disclosed today with the publication by the UN of replies from a number of governments to a General Assembly request for information on how many would co-operate with the UN.

The Soviet bloc of five countries in the UN, plus the Communist Government of Albania, Hungary, and Rumania refused even to consider the resolution.

RECEIPT-NOTED

But Cambodia, which abstained in the General Assembly vote on May 18 passing the resolution, replied that the economic ban did not apply to them since the articles on the list were not being traded with the Communists.

Seventeen UN members did not reply. They are Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Maclean and Guy Burgess, another British Foreign Office official, disappeared mysteriously from London on May 25.

There have been suggestions that both might have slipped behind the Iron Curtain with vital secrets.

The State Department official was commenting on an article in the United Nations News and World Report, an unofficial weekly news magazine.

SPAIN'S REPLY

It said that Maclean knew "how many atomic bombs the West had, what were the uranium resources and how many bombs could be made with existing resources and materials." Reuter.

NATO Leaders To Confer

London, July 16. The Foreign and Finance Ministers of the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers plan to meet in late September, probably in Ottawa.

The proposed meeting will make decisions on three major problems under discussion inside the organisation for the past four months.

THEIR ARE

These are Germany's contributions to Western defence: command structures in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and the Middle East; and drawing up and implementing an overall budget for North Atlantic defence. Reuter.

Full cycle



Spanish Role In Defence Line-Up

Washington, July 16. Authorities here tonight indicated that Admiral Forrest Sherman is expected to discuss with Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco the terms of a possible future role for Spain in the Western defence line-up.

Diplomats believe the United States is looking two or three years ahead when — barring war — American arms output should be large enough to spare munitions for Spanish forces without pinching deliveries to NATO nations. — Associated Press.

Sharp US Warning On Trade

Washington, July 16. The House Foreign Affairs Committee today approved a broader but more flexible measure to cut off arms and economic aid from any nation shipping war potential materials to Russia or her satellites.

The bill was aimed at the Kern amendment, which President Truman has asked Congress to repeal on the grounds it is unworkable and a danger to national security. But it was a sharp warning to Britain and other nations which have been sharply critical in Congress for permitting certain goods to be shipped to Communist areas.

Alberto Martin Artajo, Madrid's Foreign Minister, replied to Mr. Lie that the "Spanish Government, as a demonstration of international solidarity, decided on June 22 to decree an identical embargo," — Associated Press.

EMBARGO PLANS

United Nations, July 16. The United Nations arms embargo against Communist China and North Korea is expected to be largely maintained long after any cease-fire is arranged.

The United States has been reported as anxious to keep the embargo in effect at least until a solid Korean peace has been established with guarantees against resumption of the Red onslaught.

The embargo was voted by the General Assembly on May 16. It calls for a ban on shipments of arms, ammunition, implements of war, atomic energy materials, oil, transportation materials of strategic value and items useful in war production.

The United Nations delegates of the five-nation Soviet bloc have refused to forward the embargo resolution to their home capitals or grounds that it was an illegal action pushed through by the "aggressive American-led bloc."

Burma and India, which abstained in the embargo vote and Cambodia, not a United Nations member, said the issue was academic because they have no strategic trade with Communist China or North Korea.

The battle bill provides for the appointment of a mutual defence assistance officer to halt aid within 60 days to any nation knowingly shipping arms, atomic energy materials or items of primary strategic value to Communist countries, including Red China. Other items included in the ban are petroleum and transportation materials of strategic value.

The committee issued a report stating the Government had developed very effective export controls on shipments to the Soviet bloc, but that it had been slow to decide what items should be controlled.

It added: "Progress in obtaining the effective co-operation of other nations leaves a lot to be desired. No other nation except Canada has cut off exports to Communist China completely, and no other nation except Canada has accepted completely the list of strategic commodities which the United States enforces with respect to its own exports." — United Press.

NEW AUSTRALIAN NAVY MINISTER

Sydney, July 16. The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, tonight announced that Mr. William McMahon, Member for Lowe, New South Wales, will be the new Minister for Navy and Air.

Mr. McMahon, who won the seat at the last election against Dr. John Burton, former Australian High Commissioner to Ceylon, will be the 20th Minister in the Federal Cabinet. — Reuter.

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Pakistan Allegations Of Indian Military Moves On The Border COMPLAINT TO THE UN

United Nations, N.Y., July 16.

Pakistan today called the attention of the Security Council to alleged concentrations of Indian troops on the Pakistani border, but restrained from asking the Council's action on the matter.

Diplomatic sources said the Pakistani complaint was contained in a letter scheduled to be sent later in the day by the Pakistani chief delegate, A. Bokhari, to the Council President, Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain.

STUDENT GIVEN LENIENCY

Leeds, July 16.
A student, being helped in his training in England by the Indian Government, was allowed to go free at Leeds Assizes today on condition that he sails for India on Saturday week.

The student, 25-year-old Sisir Ranjan Datta, had pleaded guilty to stealing rations, a pair of gloves, a brief case and 67 yards of cloth from Leeds University.

A representative of the legal department at India House, London, told the court that Datta was going back to Calcutta.

He was a former Pakistani who had become a naturalised Indian.

His passage to India aboard the steamship *Jelazad* had been booked.

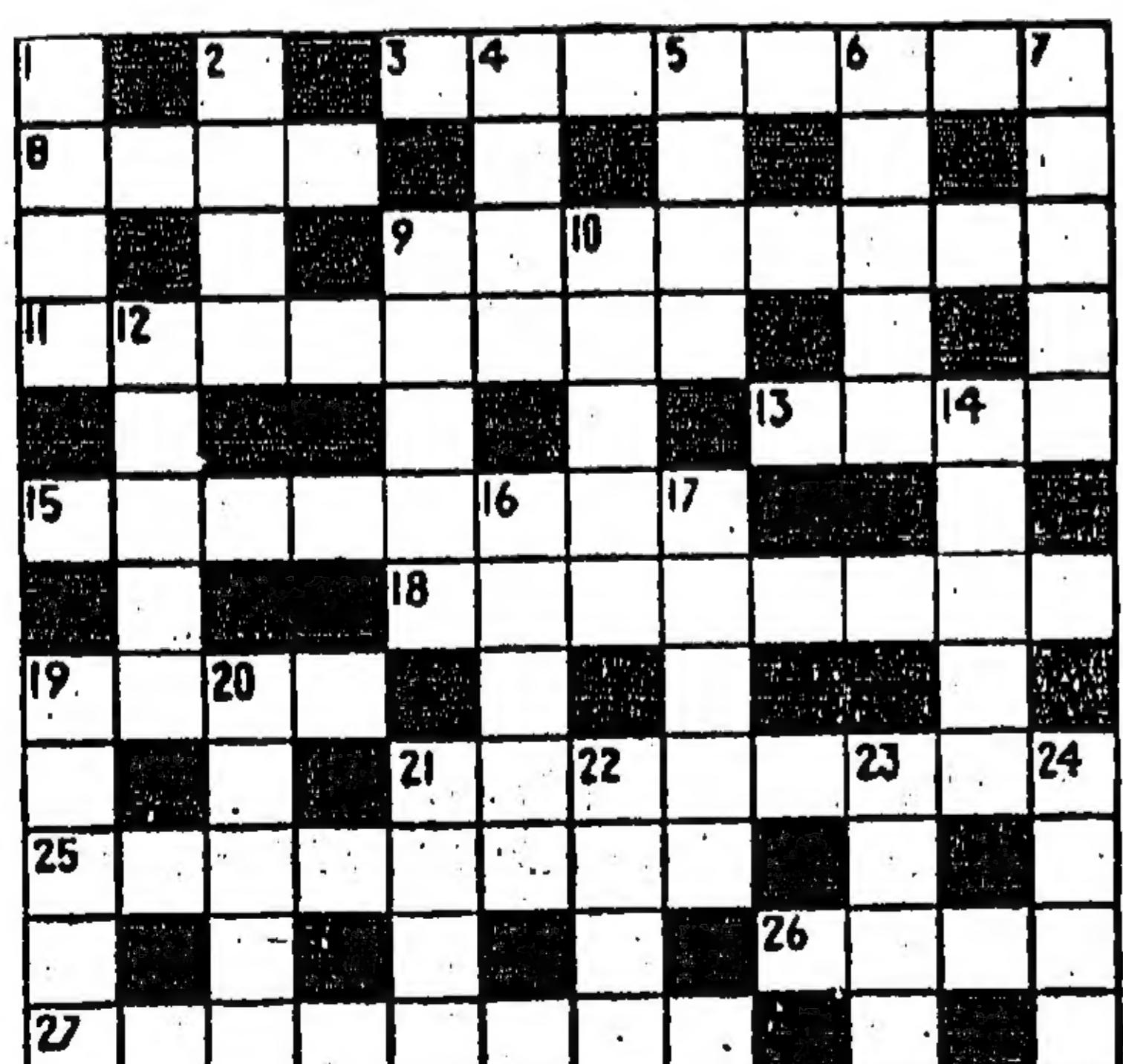
The Judge, Mr Justice Jones, said, "Things do not always turn out as arranged. Will you do all you can to ensure that Datta sails on this ship if I allow him liberty? Will you keep your eye on him?"

The India House representative replied, "We have to."

Datta, a textiles student at a Dewsbury technical college, was alleged to have worn a Leeds University scarf and posed as a student and to have wandered about the buildings stealing any property he could conveniently take.

The judge, binding Datta over for two years on condition of his sailing Saturday week, said, "From what you did you deserve to go to prison. But it seems to be better that you should go back to India instead." —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Sets apart (6).
- 8 Egress (4).
- 9 Disclosed (6).
- 11 Advanced (6).
- 13 Soon (4).
- 15 Column base (8).
- 16 Endure (8).
- 19 Snakes (4).
- 21 Turned aside (6).
- 25 Very hot (8).
- 26 Resolute (4).
- 27 Ransomed (8).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Bauble, 4 Rural, 7 Reliable, 8 Fling, 9 Siesta, 11 Carnage, 12 Escapes, 15 Street, 16 Force, 18 Tribunal, 20 Husky, 21 Steady. Down—1 Burns, 2 Bliss, 3 Embrace, 4 Reefer, 5 Humiliate, 6 League, 10 Excuse, 12 Assails, 13 Eldest, 14 Pretty, 16 Rous, 17 Tally. Reuter.

DOWN

- 1 Bound (4).
- 2 Storage chamber (4).
- 4 Fat (4).
- 5 Fibbed (4).
- 6 Claw (6).
- 7 Carrying-chair (5).
- 9 Cook (6).
- 10 Mercenary (6).
- 12 Chains or rocks (5).
- 14 Eccentric (5).
- 16 Subject (5).
- 17 Uniform (5).
- 19 Player (6).
- 20 Haughty (5).
- 21 Plunge (4).
- 22 Weathercock (4).
- 23 Labour (4).
- 24 Moist (4).

Bronze Age Axe Uncovered

Schinznach-les-Bains, July 16.
A bronze axe dating back to 1,000 B.C. has been uncovered here during digging work on the Schinznach hydro-electric scheme. The axe is believed to be a relic of a Bronze Age colony on the banks of the Aar River. Reuter.

Persian Army Does The Goose-Step



The Persian 10th Division and the Persian Gulf fleet, which guard the Khuzistan oilfields, staged a goose-stepping display of force at Abadan last week. On the reviewing stand was Hussein Makki, the Persian Premier's right-hand man in the oil-grab operation.—AP Picture.

Bamangwato Tribesmen Reject Kgotala Plan

Serowe, July 16.
Bamangwato tribesmen today turned down London's proposal for a kgotala (tribal meeting) to decide whether Tshekedi Khama, their exiled former Regent, should return to the Reserve.

Meeting under camel-thorn trees here, the tribesmen said that they had "repeatedly and without outside influence" decided that Tshekedi could not return and anyway they could not hold a kgotala unless their chief, Seretse Khama—also in exile in London—was present.

The kgotala was proposed by the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker.

The proposal touched off widespread tribal disturbances in recent weeks and more trouble is feared.

Sixty-five tribesmen appeared in Court today after fights between supporters of Seretse and Tshekedi.

Mr Percy Fraenkel, Seretse's personal lawyer, read a statement to today's kgotala which leading tribesmen had told him was the tribe's considered opinion.

It said: "The tribe regrets that it is unable to hold the kgotala proposed by the Secretary of State for the following reasons:

NOT INFLUENCED

"—The tribe has repeatedly and without outside influence decided that Tshekedi cannot return to the Bamangwato Reserve.

"—The proposed kgotala can only be held if our chief, Seretse, is present. The kgotala of February 1 (attended by Mr Gordon-Walker) was held because our chief, Seretse, wanted the Secretary of State to meet the people and meet a delegation.

"—Tshekedi and his followers are Bakwena (one of the tribes of Bechuanaland) and will not be allowed to attend our kgotalas.

(Tshekedi and his followers originally went into voluntary exile at Ramatsane, which is in Bokwena territory.)

"—In view of the recent disturbances caused by the presence of Ramatsane people in our midst, a kgotala cannot be held without the presence of an armed force if Tshekedi and his followers are to be present."

After the meeting Dr Graham told reporters that he had tried to understand the views of Choudry Ghulam Abbas and his colleagues. Mr Abbas said that he had placed the Azad Kashmir Government's point of view before Dr Graham, who had "listened to it very attentively."

No further indication was available on the trend of the talks.—Reuter.

CABINET TO MEET

New Delhi, July 16.
The Indian Union Cabinet is to meet on Tuesday afternoon, soon after Mr Nehru's return from Bangalore, presumably to consider the Pakistan Premier's statement. Reliable sources expect an official statement denying Liapun's charge and indicating that the troop movements are an ordinary precautionary procedure without offensive intentions.

Informed sources here said the Indian Government's policy seemed to be that any attack on Jammu and Kashmir would be treated as an attack on India and treated as such.—United Press.

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Shot By His Dog

Hobart, July 16.
Fifty-nine year old hunter Frederick Kean put his loaded rifle on the ground while he took a rabbit out of a net. His dog danced in to help, knocked the rifle and a bullet struck Kean's thigh.—Reuter.

GONDOLIERS DEMONSTRATE

Venice, July 16.
Hundreds of angry gondoliers staged a mock funeral cortège today, blocking the Grand Canal for five hours in a protest against unfair competition of motor boats.

Thousands of astonished tourists lined the Canal as a cortège of gondolas, preceded by a barge decorated with mourning black, travelled down the city's main waterway forcing motor launches to take winding side canals to carry passengers from one point to another in the lagoon.

The demonstration, staged in an effort to obtain economic aid and assurances that motor craft will be limited, ended when heavy rain fell over the city.—United Press.

Tragic Prelude To Wedding

Barcelona, July 16.
An engaged couple were burned to death when fire razed a fireworks shop they were visiting to buy fireworks for their wedding party.

It took Barcelona's fire brigade nine hours to put the fire out but not before it had burned three other houses to the ground. A survivor said that a customer had foolishly insisted on testing a fire-work in the shop. It had got out of control and set off all the others.—Reuter.

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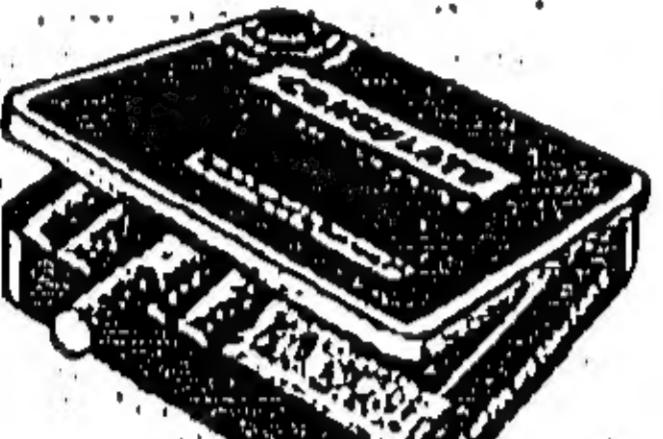
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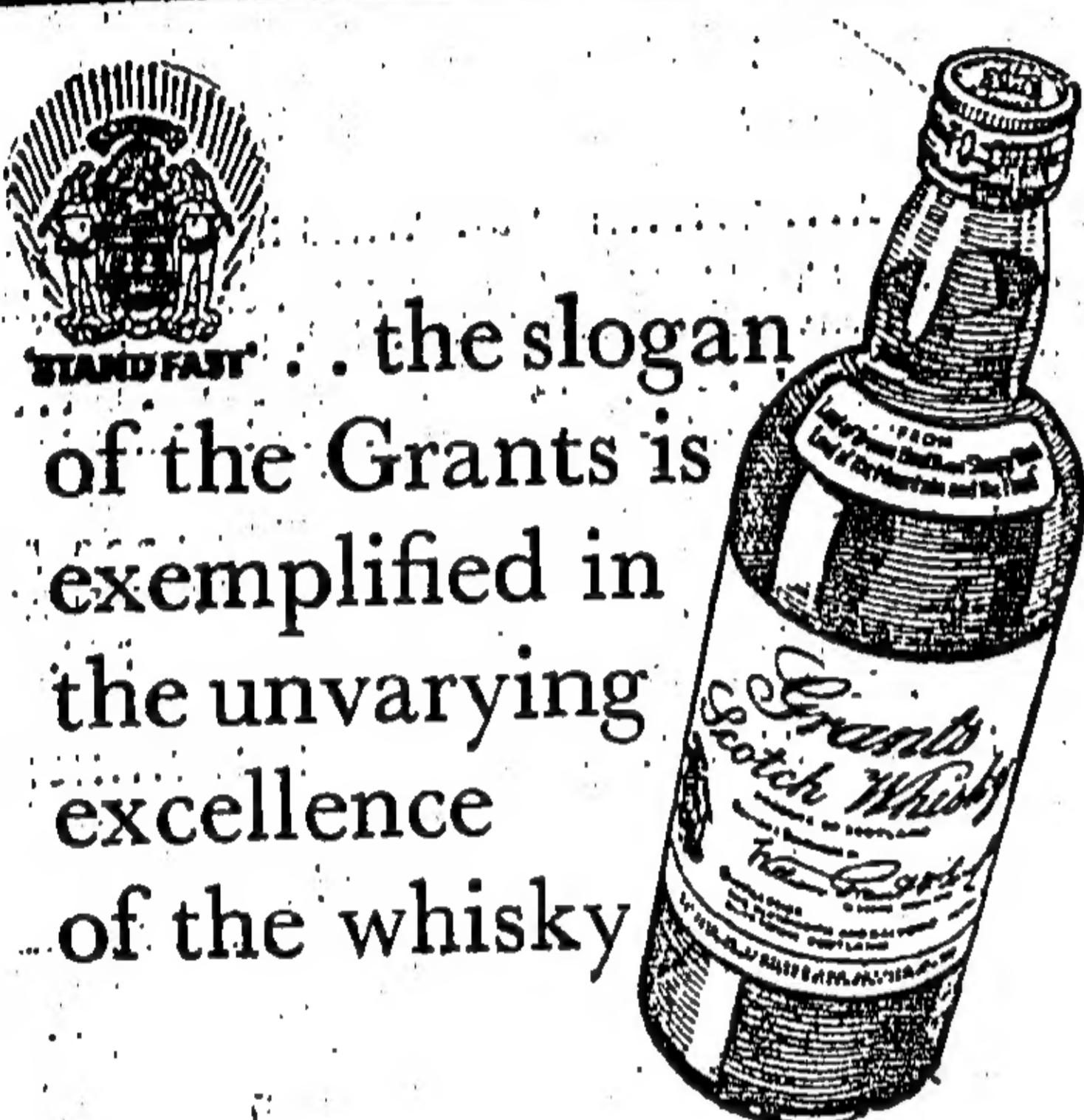
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It's love-in-ashes at the Villa Valentino

THE place is just a few minutes' drive from the big, bustling hotel where I was staying.

Thirty years ago, everybody who meant anything in movieland lived in Whitley Heights. Let me take you there.

Now the area is doomed. They are building a new road, the Hollywood Freeway, and soon its concrete will come right through Whitley Heights to bulldoze a host of once-held-dear things.

This villa where we are standing now is No. 6776, Wedgewood-place.

Its former owner who was christened Rudolph Alfonso Rafaelo Pierce Filbert Gualtiero di Valentino d'Antonguolo when he was born in Castellane, Italy, had the world—and the world's women—by the ears during his brief, explosive career.

(Remember him in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse"? Remember the tango he did at the start of the film?)

When he died, broke, aged 31, a quarter of a century ago next month, they gave him a funeral which for sheer emotional upsurge has rarely been matched even in America.

Valentino used to spend £1,700 a year on shirts. But now the approach to the Villa Valentino is melancholy and squalid. Many of the houses are empty and nearly in ruins.

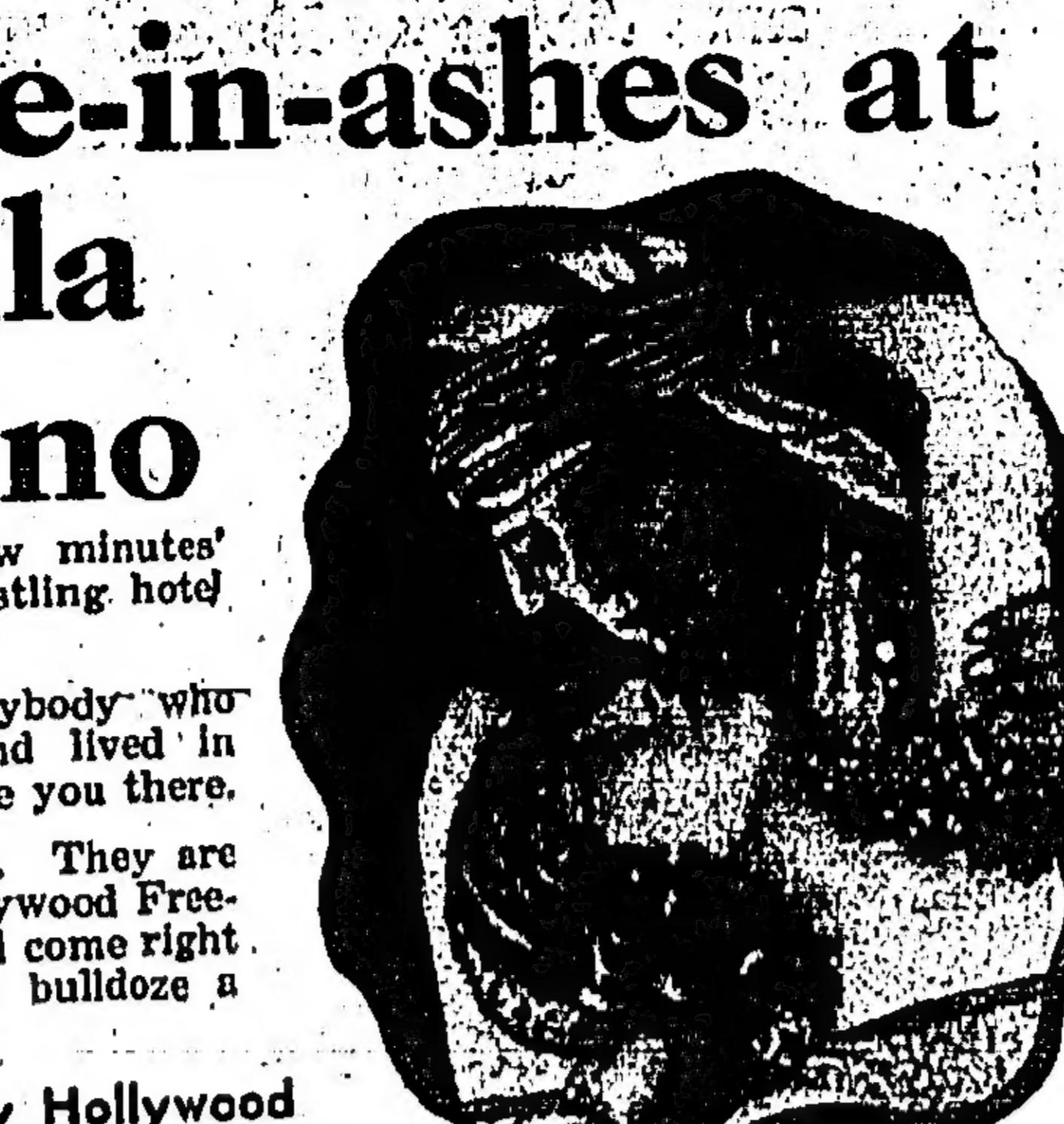
The terraces, which must have looked fine by moonlight, those years ago, are smashed and cracked now.

Broken glass . . .

LITTER is everywhere, empty beer cans, broken glass, and unglamorous-looking bits of old cars.

(Valentino, an ex-dish-washer, liked to drive great, rash super-sports cars, not the standardised, bloated, all-look-like jobs that are trundling along bumper to bumper on the Cahuenga Pass over there.)

It says "Villa Valentino" in the mosaic on the threshold of the massive front door. I shifted a beer can or two to read it. The mosaic is so tough that



Valentino with Vlma Banky in "Son of the Sheikh" — 1926

in only 11 pictures all told. But these 11 thrilled millions.

In the rubble . . .

THE Villa Valentino is under scizure by the Los Angeles municipal court. Someone is claiming that he had an agreement with a firm of contractors to have the whole place moved to another site.

Some money was paid down but the villa stayed put.

Not long ago they found an alabaster statue half hidden in the rubble of the garden. That is to say they found just the left foot—a woman's foot—of the statue, which Valentino had imported from Italy.

Who was it? The Goddess Diana, or one of Valentino's girl friends?

(Valentino took a flying stab at marriage, but he was "The Great Lover," you know and marriage isn't for Great Lovers.)

To the pool . . .

LET us go out into the garden. It is a riot of tropical plants—bougainvillea, hibiscus and the rest—falling away steeply over several terraces to the mosaic and tiled swimming pool at the very bottom.

The sides of the pool still sparkle in the brooding sunshine, and the diving platform looks burnished and serviceable. But the pool is half full of rubbish.

A swallowtail butterfly makes a pass at a sunflower and over there a hummingbird hawk moth dips a swift, dandiful tongue into the gaudy unkempt blossoms.

Paper picnic cups are strewn around a blue mosaic fountain.

(Valentino got 500,000 dollars a year (£178,000) for starring

—(London Express Service.)

The last kiss . . .

WHETHER they eventually move the Villa Valentino or let it go down to annihilation in the path of the new road doesn't really matter, any more.

The women who fled past his bier for days and days on Broadway after he died have forgotten their favourite.

Pola Negri has perhaps forgotten that she blew him a farewell kiss when he started off on that personal appearance tour.

Time to be getting back to the car now. If we can pick our way among the empty beer cans and the general lattiness . . .

—(London Express Service.)



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THIS IS THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES WHICH EXAMINES THE POWER OF RUSSIA TODAY

HOW STRONG IS RUSSIA?

By IAIN COLQUHOUN

(about 21 percent) refers only to the cost of maintaining the standing army, navy and air force.

The whole material military preparation of the country, the paramilitary training, the collection of reserves and war stocks is concealed in the budgets of departments, which have no obvious connection with defense. Total Russian expenditure for military purposes in 1950 will probably amount to 53 percent of the budget.

To make such a detailed scrutiny of the Russian scene is far from easy. Among the earliest victims of the Five Year Plans, the extent to which the Russian people can be persuaded, or forced to cut their personal consumption in favour of industrial and military strength.

This is only one example of the room for misunderstanding. Another common source of error in the West is to underestimate the extent to which the Russian people can be persuaded, or forced to cut their personal consumption in favour of industrial and military strength.

Out of a given amount of production the proportion of the disposal of the State is far higher than it is in the democracies.

On the other hand, it is possible to exaggerate Russian economic power if one does not appreciate accurately how efficient they are in using their resources. Russian production is rising. But there is some reason to think that the amount of effort and resources required to achieve that production is rising disproportionately fast.

This is certainly so in agriculture. It may be true also in certain basic industries where new machines have not been installed. If this is really so, then the Soviet economy has a grave weakness at its heart.

Russia is a totalitarian country, ruled by the dictatorship of a single party. This was a deliberate choice made about 1928 when the New Economic Policy was brought to an end. It was realised that a mixed economy, very like the one we have in Britain today, was incompatible with the absolute authority of the Communist Party. Stalin decided on the latter.

From the choices have flowed not only the whole subsequent pattern of Soviet development, but also certain points of terminology and practice which are strange to us.

For instance, the Soviet Budget is quite a different thing from ours. That part of it which obviously relates to defence.

TOMORROW:

Forced Labour

The OTHER PERSIAN

WHILE HIS COUNTRY GETS EMBROILED WITH BRITAIN

MR. ENTEZAM TRIES TO SETTLE ANOTHER CONFLICT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

NEW YORK
SLIGHT, dark-haired Nasrollah Entezam, president of the United Nations General Assembly, is a man who confesses that he likes "to be alone."

But in the past few days—and perhaps for weeks to come—Entezam will have little chance. In the whirlwind of conferences at United Nations headquarters, he is charged with the task of bringing in an end the Korean conflict.

He is probably the quietest president that UNO has yet produced. He lacks the brilliance of Belgium's Paul Henri Spaak, the flamboyance of Australia's Herbert Evatt.

But he has an impressive ability to keep the volatility of delegates to a minimum and to maintain a cracking pace unheard of in the meeting places of diplomats.

Even Russia's Jacob Malik, who is known for his delaying tactics, is reported to have great respect for Entezam's ability to get things done.

He always speaks in an even voice—whether using his native Persian, a faultless French or slightly-accented English. He has complained more than once that personal attacks "are not in keeping with the dignity or the United Nations."

His grooming has a perfection that seems indestructible, but he claims that replacements for his excellent wardrobe are ordered en masse.

"I have no more ambitions," he says now. "What has happened has been too much, all round. I never fought to get anything. That is true."



ENTEZAM
Master of Ceremonies

In 1942 he was appointed to the "Arabian Nights" post of Grand Master of Ceremonies at the Imperial Palace of the Shah of Persia. "It was an ironical thing," he commented later, "for a man who hated ceremony to be master of ceremonies."

Four years later he was ordered to San Francisco to attend the birth of the United Nations.

He has remained identified with it ever since, "I have no more ambitions," he says now. "What has happened has been too much, all round. I never fought to get anything. That is true."

But he adds, "If this assembly succeeds it will be the main thing in my life."

He is so busy at the United Nations that someone once observed that romance would have to be listed on the agenda there to gain his consideration.

"I can never answer when I am asked why I am not married," he said. "But let's say as a sufferer from insomnia, Entezam reads such authors as Maurois, Zweig and Maighan until he feels sufficiently exhausted to sleep.

Asked if he were optimistic about the future, he warned: "You should never be a pessimist. Because as soon as you are you lose courage."

Frederick Cook

AT 96, THE PREACHER SAYS:

'GIVE ME THE 1951 SUNDAY'



DR. SCOTT LIDGETT
no fads for him

THE other day a slender man of 97 preached for 20 minutes at Wesley's Chapel in London's City Road.

A rare event? Not for Methodism's John Scott Lidgett.

"I preach frequently," he announces in his strong, vibrant voice. "And I make sure that the congregation hear what I say."

He was born before Leopold began the Suez Canal, before Karl Marx wrote Das Kapital, and before Disraeli became Prime Minister, but he has not retired yet. And he is no Victorian in his outlook.

The liberation of Sunday from Victorian gloom he regards as "a great blessing."

"When I had a child, we had Sunday books, and even Sunday toys. Sunday was often miserable in those days. That brought a reaction. The regime was too narrow."

Twice a week Dr. Scott Lidgett drives to London from the house near Tunbridge Wells where he lives with his only daughter and her doctor husband. He still serves on several committees.

Dr. Scott Lidgett has to walk on two sticks because he has a rheumatic hip. But his vision is good, and when he sings "Abide With Me,"

lost his spectacles 15 years ago he never bothered to renew them. He was reported to have preserved his sight by eye exercises. "Nonsense," he comments. He has written many theological books and still reads and studies every day, writes many letters.

He is down to breakfast punctually at 7.30, having dressed unaided; eats "everything that is put before me"; no fads; says he does fine and has every hope of living to be a hundred.

When he preaches he raises both arms and thunders out a text from the Old Testament in mighty style. "But he is no hell-fire evangelist."

Is this generation godless and pagan? "We are not as pagan as we profess to be," says Dr. Scott Lidgett. "You have only to hear a huge football crowd sing 'Abide With Me' to realize that. What do they sing? Why, they sing 'Abide With Me.'

He looks forward to a great revival of religion. "It would be the best prevention of Communism," he declared. "I only pray for it daily."

Ernest Steele



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"SHENGBING"	Keeling	5 p.m. 24th July
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 25th July
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 26th July
"YUNNAN"	Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarinda, Cheribon & Djakarta	5 p.m. 26th July
"SOOCHOW"	Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Aug.
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ARRIVALS FROM

"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10th July
"YUCHOW"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 19th July
"SHENGBING"	Keeling	7 a.m. 22nd July
"HUEHIN"	Tientsin	23rd July
"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	24/25th July

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"CHANGTIE"	Japan	13th Aug.
"TAIWAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	19th Aug.

ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGNING"	Melbourne & Manila	19/20th July
"TAIWAN"	Sydney & Brisbane	p.m. 21st July
"ANKING"	Kobe	23rd July
"CHANGTIE"	Australia & Manila	9th Aug.
"TAIWAN"	Japan	16th Aug.

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		6th Aug.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

	Sails	Sails	Arrives
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	do	Hong Kong
S. "AGAPENOR"	do	do	18th July
G. "AENEAS"	do	do	20th July
S. "AUTOMEDON"	do	do	22nd Aug.
G. "PERSEUS"	17th July	do	8th Aug.
G. "MYRMIDON"	21st July	do	25th Aug.
G. "MARON"	28th July	do	4th Sept.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	4th Aug.	do	6th Sept.
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"BENMIOR"	do	do	10th Aug.
"BENALDER"	do	do	24th Aug.
"BENNEVIS"	do	do	18th Sept.
"BENVANNOCH"	do	do	23rd Sept.

SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

"BENARTY"	Liverpool, Avon, Hull & Glasgow	31st July	K/Wharf
"BENVORLICH"	London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp	18th Aug.	
"BENMIOR"	Avonmouth, London & Middlesbrough	29th Aug.	
"BENNEVIS"	Liverpool, Dublin	8th Sept.	
"BENALDER"	Hamburg & Antwerp	23rd Sept.	
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis.

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31st August, 1951, at 11.45

a.m., for the purpose of

recieving the Directors'

Report and Statement of

Accounts for the year ended

28th February, 1951, and to

re-elect a Director and

appoint Auditor.

By Order of the Board,

G. M. MACWHINNIE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1951.

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ARRIVALS

"AURAY" from Japan 20th July
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SAILINGS

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"LA MARSEILLAISE" to Japan 9th Aug.
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Sharp Decline In Cotton Futures

New York, July 16.

Cotton futures declined sharply today, reflecting the resumption of peace talks in Korea, favourable growing weather in the belt and continued dullness in the textile markets.

Grain Prices Decline On Peace Talks

Chicago, July 16.

The resumption of the Korean peace talks carried grain futures lower today with wheat closing 1½ to 3 lower and soybeans 3½ to 8½ lower.

Prices of grain futures closed as follows:-

wheat—price per bushel

Spot 2.50½

July 2.51½

September 2.41½

December 2.43½

March (1952) 2.44½

May 2.44—2.47½

Corn 1.70½

July 1.73½—1.75

September 1.70½—1.71

December 1.63½—1.74

March (1952) 1.65½

May 1.66½

July 1.62 bid

September 1.63½

Oats 75½

July 75½

September 75½—76½

New York flour—per 200 lb. Sack, \$12.00—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, July 16.

World sugar futures closed today 3 to 8 lower, with sales totalling 22 contracts.

Contract No. 4 closed 1 lower to 2 higher, with sales totalling 140 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:-

Contract No. 4 (world) 6.04 traded

January (1952) 6.00 nominal

March 5.83

May 5.83

July 5.83

September 5.83

Spot 7.00

Contract No. 6 (world) 6.04 traded

January (1952) 6.00 nominal

March 5.84 nominal

May 5.84 nominal

July 5.84 nominal

September 5.84 nominal

Spot 7.00

United Press.

U.S. TREASURY POSITION

Treasury position:

Total Debt: US\$6204,932,020,000

A year ago: US\$6207,100,040,020,000

Gold Assets: US\$421,756,407,006,10

A year ago: US\$424,203,647,010,51

Associated Press.

BIG FALL IN TIN PRICES

London, July 16.

Prices of tin fell rather steeply

today. Turnover was 170 tons

including 30 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the

official morning session as

follows:-

Spot tin buyers 550

Spot tin sellers 550

Business done at 500—550

Three-months tin buyers 520

Three-months tin sellers 520—522

Settlement 550

United Press.

New York, July 16.

Copper, lead and zinc futures closed quiet, no sales.—Associated Press.

Business was done in the

international tin market this

morning at the following rates:-

Dealers quoted copper no-

minimally unchanged at \$10,250

per short ton.—Copper, lead and zinc futures

closed quiet, no sales.—Associated Press.

Big Oil Strike

In Montana

Rich, Montana, July 16. Shell Oil Company has made an oil strike near here that is producing about 1,000 barrels daily, and is rated by oil timers in the business as a "momentous find."

An oil industry spokesman said the Company planned to go 15,000 feet down but hit oil at 7,300 feet.

He said this "shows there is more oil in the structure than in the entire State of Oklahoma." — Associated Press.

Effects Of Truce On U.S. Business

New York, July 16.

How would American business be affected by a cease-fire in Korea? Most observers agree the immediate effect would be fewer sales and at lower prices.

Prices on a number of items have already been reduced because of huge stocks and slow sales. In the week ended June 23, department store sales were only six per cent above a year ago in dollar volume, with unit volume well below the year ago level. Some businessmen believe an end to hostilities in Korea would reduce present selling by around 10 per cent.

As for price cuts, predictions range from six to 25 per cent. In New York City, department store sales in the week ended June 20 were nine per cent above the same week a year ago. Officials said sales were still showing the impact of the price war, but that it was tapering off. But they said an end to the shooting in Korea would be likely to drop both sales and prices.

However, in Washington, Defense Mobiliser Charles Wilson said he regards the present economic lull as temporary. He said when military production peters out, the market will disappear and it will be harder to replace them.

In Detroit, a spokesman for automobile manufacturers predicted: "It will be difficult to buy a new car by the year's end." — Associated Press.

A spokesman for this view said:

"We do not believe the consumer is victimised. Quite the contrary, he has the protection of knowing what price he should pay for goods."

If the system was changed, there would probably be a great deal of bargaining here and there when shops offered lost leaders items to attract new customers. But for every item sold at a loss, the retailer has to make it up by charging more on other goods. The consumer's total purchases would come to about the same amount."

OFFICIAL VIEW

The Board of Trade has a different view. It believes the present system prevents the alert, progressive retailer from passing on the results of his

success to the consumer in the form of lower prices.

This was stressed at a news conference when Sir Hartley Shawcross, President of the Board of Trade, discussed the objective of legislation now being drafted. He said:

"We want to make it clear that it is no offence, civil or criminal, to sell cheap. We would reconsider the matter if the competition became too fierce. But we want to set the traders free."

Britain's pricing system is a web-like structure. It has grown up a bit at a time and operates with many variations.

Among articles covered are toilet and medicinal preparations, patent foods, sweets, tobacco, hairdressers' supplies, stationery, books, hardware, bicycles and motorcycles, motorcars and accessories, radios and electrical appliances.

Manufacturers may deal directly with distributors to

see that prices are kept at a certain level. More commonly, however, this is done by associations made up of representatives of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

PROTECTED LIST

In a typical case each manufacturer in the association places a price on his article. Enforcement is the duty of the association.

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Often the associations distribute a "protected list" to retailers setting out what the prices should be. Sometimes the associations make test purchases to see if price cutting is going on.

Retailers selling below the

list prices are warned, and if they fail to take heed their source of supplies can be cut off.

The warning is usually enough.

Some associations also encourage members to inform competitors who cut prices.

Clearly, widespread co-

operation by retailers and

wholesalers is necessary to

make the set-up work. A

Government committee

issued in 1940 said the present

system developed from "dis-

tributors' attempts to organ-

ise themselves in such a way as

to bring collective pressure on

manufacturers of branded

lines to fix and enforce retail

prices for their goods."

Some manufacturers were

hesitant in the beginning. Most

of them went along, however,

for the obvious reason that

they had to take the distribu-

tive system as they found it

and were seldom in a position

to change established condi-

tions of the trade. They also

wanted stability.

PRICE WAR FEARS

Even now, the Labour Gov-

ernment shudders at the pro-

spect of touching off a price war

similar to the one that deve-

loped recently in the United

States.

British Government Considering Removal Of Price-Fixing

London, July 16. Britain's Labour Government—taking a cue from classic capitalist theory—is thinking out loud about freeing retailers from price-fixing arrangements.

The move is in a formative stage. Apparently the bulk of the retailers do not want to be emancipated. They helped to forge their chains themselves.

